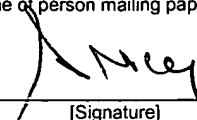


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Transmitted herewith for filing pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.53(b) is the patent application of FRANCESCO DI SALVO for SILVER ALLOYS FOR USE IN MEDICAL, SURGICAL AND MICROSURGICAL INSTRUMENTS AND PROCESS FOR PRODUCING THE ALLOYS, claiming benefit under 35 U.S.C. §119(e) of previously filed provisional application Appl. No. 60/499,469, filed September 2, 2003.

**Assignee: FRANCESCO DI SALVO & MATTEO TUTINO**

☐ Applicant claims small entity status pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.27.

Enclosed are:

- ☐ Application Data Sheet pursuant to 37 CFR 1.76.
- ☒ Specification with 37 pages, 30 claims and 5 sheets of drawing.
- ☒ Three sets of color photographs with Figs. 1-16.
- ☒ Applicant claims small entity status.
- ☒ Facsimile transmitted copy of Declaration with ☒ Power of attorney.
- ☒ Facsimile transmitted copy of Assignment.
- ☒ Cover letter in compliance with 37 C.F.R. §3.31 to accompany the assignment submitted for recording.

- ☒ Petition pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.84.
- ☒ Proposed amendment in connection with petition.
- ☒ Check in the amount of \$515.00 for covering the filing fee of \$385.00, the surcharge of \$90.00 for filing ten claims in excess of twenty and the official fee of \$40.00 for recording the Assignment.
- ☒ Self-addressed postcard.
- ☐ A priority document.
- ☒ Information Disclosure Statement with ☒ PTO-Form 1449 and ☒ copies of non-US references.

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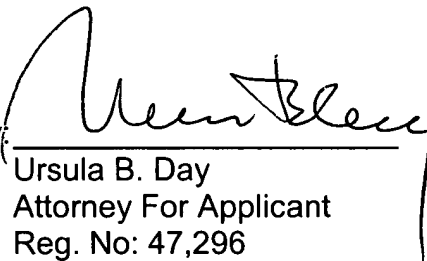
Pursuant to the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.10 and §1.53, applicant respectfully requests that this application be assigned an application number and a filing date of December 2, 2003, the date upon which the application was mailed to the Patent and Trademark Office by Express Mail.

Applicant hereby claims priority under 35 U.S.C. §119 (a)-(d) on the basis of Italian Patent Application No. PA 2003 A 000007, filed March 18, 2003.

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### PETITION PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. 1.84 TO ACCEPT COLOR PHOTOGRAPHS IN A PATENT APPLICATION

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Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.84. applicant herein petitions the Commissioner to  
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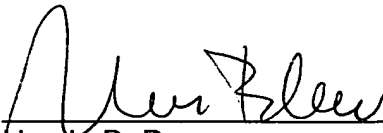
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Please amend the application as follows:

Before paragraph [00 ] insert the following:

--The patent application file contains at least one drawing executed in color.  
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